



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-104-B)

PATENT

In the Application of:

Marks *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/074,754

Filed: February 13, 2002

For: Methods & Reagents for
Discovering and Using
Mammalian Melanocortin
Receptor Antagonists to
Treat Cachexia

Before the Examiner:
Gyan Chandra

Group Art Unit: 1646

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 29, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed December 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants provide herein amendments, where amendments to the claims and a complete listing of pending claims is set forth starting on page 2, and Applicants' remarks are set forth starting on page xxx.